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Ho-Chunk Nation moves forward with major enterprise renovations

Kaili Berg
Youth Writer

Bigger, brighter gaming experiences for guests are on the horizon for the Ho-Chunk Nation's casinos and hotels in Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Wittenberg.

On Tuesday, August 16, press release was issued by the Office of the President, stating that renovation and expansion projects to three Ho-Chunk Nation casinos is slated to begin in September.

"We took a hard look at what's going to create the biggest return and Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Wittenberg had shown that and with the funding that was allocated these were the choices," said Robert Reider, senior marketing manager of the Business Department.

The renovation and expansion plans are contained in what has been deemed "Project Forward."

"Project Forward is a community reinvestment plan that keeps us reminded that we need to move forward with our enterprises," Reider said.

Casino expansions have been planned and talked about since the



Rendering of HCG-Wittenberg expansion

Nation finished Phase II of the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells in 1999, in all of the casinos, he said. Since then the Nation has slowly been making minor improvements to its casinos.

In 2008, the idea of Project Forward was taken seriously, after tribal members said that the Nation needs to update its current facilities. The Ho-Chunk Nation president, Department of Business, and Legislature took notice of this, Reider said.

According to the press release, the new project includes gaming floor expansions with additional slots, brand new hotels, new restaurants and bars, smoke free gaming areas and major cosmetic enhancements at the Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells and Wittenberg locations.

"We are extremely excited to grow and offer new amenities that will only enhance

one of the best entertainment experiences in the region," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland.

Changes at HCG-Wisconsin Dells will include a new hotel main entrance, lobby, bar, poker room, redesigned

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casino floor layout, expanded non-smoking casino area, a renovated bingo area, and an expanded buffet.

The changes at HCG-Wittenberg includes a new 84 seat restaurant and bar, a new 86 room hotel, 272 slots will be added, new high limit gaming, new non-smoking casino area, and the casino will be introducing 10 table games.

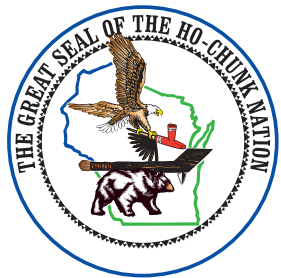
Also changes at HCG-Black River Falls will in-

clude a new 120 room hotel and hotel entry, expanded and redesigned casino floor with an additional 200 slots, high limit gaming, remodeled buffet with an additional 36 seats, and a new parking lot.

"Initially everyone will benefit from the project. Local community members, tribal members, tribal governments and the Ho-Chunk Nation," said Robert Reider.

The expansions will end up creating 100 more jobs for people, increased revenue for the Ho-Chunk Nation, and will drive tourism into the region.

"It's a win-win for everyone when we can create more jobs throughout Wisconsin and add more value to our guests' experience," Cleveland said.



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Editorial:

Policy changes to make employees’ jobs easier

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Often times when poli-
cies are changed within the
Ho-Chunk Nation, the time
and energy spent to make the
change doesn’t always favor
the one looking to receive a
service. Policy changes seem
to stem from employee com-
plaints and to make their jobs
easier.

The changes can also lead
to more paperwork to fill out
before you receive services.
And we all know how natives
like to complete and sign pa-
perwork. Information asked

for on the form doesn’t even
help in the process. Or it goes
into federal government data-
bases so they can keep track
of us.

Essentially, these changes
discourage those people who
need help with issues they
face.

When policy is changed
to make the employee’s job
easier, we need to re-evaluate
why we are in the position
we are in. We have to ask
ourselves, are we here to help
or just doing our 40 hours of
work? One phrase that comes
to mind is: it’s not my job.

I do understand that we
need a paper trail and ac-
countability to funds used for
a program, but at what cost.
Does more forms equate to
more accountability? Or is it
just more forms to make the
process more arduous? More
red tape.

And I also know nothing is
free in this world. If you want
the service, you have to jump
through all the hoops they put
in front of you. Can we work
towards less hoops?

I’m also not saying work it
down to tribal members mark-
ing an “X” to receive services.

I’m just say be reasonable and
work with folks.

Although placing a chip in
tribal IDs or employee cards
to get certain data like name,
address, date of birth, and etc.
could autofill forms. Apply-
ing for services could be like
picking up your pills at the
pharmacy, where you check
some boxes and sign.

Bottom line, it seems pro-
grams of the Ho-Chunk Na-
tion would rather say no or
find easier ways to not help
through a new policy.

When it comes to our elect-
ed tribal leadership, such as
Legislature, we ought to de-
velop a report card for them.
A report card of how they
vote on each issue, whether
they vote in favor of elders,
veterans, and youth.

Whether they abstain on
only family related issues or
on all issues.

How many of their district

concerns do they address?
How many people have talked
with them in their office, on
the phone, and via email?

These thoughts arise as we
near our annual meeting of the
General Council branch, the
branch of our government that
sets the policy. Policies that
go on to “be made into laws,
including codes, ordinances,
resolutions and statutes by the
Legislative Branch.”

Our Ho-Chunk Nation
Constitution was loosely writ-
ten so we could do more and
help more people. It could
have been written to be more
culturally accurate, like only
enrolling paternal offspring of
Ho-Chunk enrolled members,
but that would have eliminat-
ed a lot of our membership.
We have more wiggle room to
do more.

Writing these new policies
to give less wiggle room is
limiting who we can help.

From the desk of Vice President Darren Brinegar:

Greetings Tribal Members,

The Tribal Census progress
by district includes: District 1
(49%) 593, District 2 (53%)
714, District 3 (48%) 432,
District 4 (56%) 239, District
5 (54%) 970. Overall, there is
a 52% completion rate of the
census, 2948 tribal members
have completed the census.
The census will be wrapping
up at the end of August.

The Ho-Chunk Nation sup-
ported the Health Department
pursuit of an MOU with the
Great Lakes Intertribal Epi-
demiology Center on July 6,
2016. The Ho-Chunk Nation
Legislature also supported the
Health Department in the pur-
suit of an Indian Health Ser-
vice Methamphetamine and
Suicide Prevention Initiative
Grant on July 19, 2016.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Leg-
islature placed the following
legislation out for a 45 day
public comment period: Stat-
ute of Limitations and Com-
mencement of Claims Act,
Native American Preference
in Contracting, Department
of Agriculture Establishment
Act, Department of Natural
Resources Establishment Act,

Ho-Chunk Nation Audit Law,
Marriage Ordinance, Amend-
ments to the Appropriations
and Budget Act, Amendments
to Gaming Ordinance. Please
look over these documents
and submit your suggestions
for changes. You can access
these documents on the Ho-
Chunk Nation Website in the
Legislature Section.

A Quick Passage Amend-
ment for the Ho-Chunk Na-
tion Language and Culture
Code was passed at the
August 7, 2016 Legislative
Meeting.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Dis-
trict 5 Representative Robert
TwoBears was accepted as the
delegate of the Center for Dis-
ease Control and Prevention/
Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry Tribal
Advisory Committee.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Leg-
islature accepted the Applica-
tion of Nomination of Steve
Abangan as the Executive
Director of the Department of
Treasury on August 9, 2016.

The Ho-Chunk Nation made
a \$25,000 donation to the Bad
River Tribe Flood Relief Ef-



Vice President
Darren Brinegar

fort on July 19, 2016 at the
Legislative Meeting.

The Ho-Chunk Nation made
a Gaming Compact Deduction
to the Wisconsin West Central
Metropolitan Enforcement
Group (MEG) for \$50,000
at the July 19th Legislative
Meeting.

Thank you for your time
and attention. I hope you had
a terrific summer!

Sincerely,
HCN Vice President
Darren Brinegar

You can’t do anything
about it anyway!

Flipping through the pages
of the Hochunk Nation’s im-
mediate political past, one is
struck by the lackadaisical
attitude toward the illegiti-
macy of Wilfrid Cleveland’s
tribal presidency. He has had
five months in which to con-
front the realities of felony
convictions, and made not so
much as a whisper of rebuttal
against disclosures in letters
to the editor. Apparently he is
hoping that his popularity will
rescue him from his constitu-
tionally defective presidential
tenure. Nevertheless, he
cannot erase the “Convicted
Felon” status from his record.
He banks on the waiting game
to extend his personal cash
flow stemming from his au-
dacious illegitimate political
ambitions.

Mr. Cleveland claims
USMC veteran status. That
is admirable. The Marine
Corps maintains a merit-based
code of conduct and profi-
ciency evaluation standards.
These stringent standards
have to be enforced because
as America’s “First to Fight”
shock troops, everyone’s lives
depend upon the reliability
and instant readiness of Ma-
rines on both sides of them
in combat. _ _ _ bird’s are
weeded out and not allowed
to progress through infantry
phases. Be a good Marine
in service, and thereafter in
civilian life. Maintain those
standards of conduct, because
a Marine represents the honor
and tradition of the United
States Marine Corps.


It appears as though tribal
members may be lax insofar
as taking action and express-
ing themselves relative to this
apparent political stalemate.
We have seen an excessive
and intolerable amount of
actions in General Council
wherein approximately 168
resolutions have been passed
and gone without response by
the Legislative, Executive and
Judicial branches without any
leverage having been applied
by the General Council -- all
guilty of gross violations of
the entirety of provisions con-
tained in Article IV, Section
3.(a). Confronted by such a
prodigious amount of political
lethargy, it can be understood
why there appears to be lax-
ity in the tribal electorate, and
why Mr. Cleveland would be
so bold as to reply to Eliot
Littlejohn on the issue of his
illegal occupation of the HCN
Presidential seat: “You can’t
do anything about it anyway!”

Having been notified of
impending action to effect
his impending removal action
by having been served his
notification papers, and the
publication of the instrument
of removal by HCN General
Council action on September
17, 2016 at the Alliant Center
in Madison, Wisconsin, join
with us in the confidence that:
“We can do something about
it.”

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IRS Telephone Scam

There was a complaint from a tribal elder who received a phone call from someone that was posing as the IRS. The caller threatened the tribal elder by saying if she didn’t hand over \$5000 she would be arrested that afternoon. The Black River Falls Police Department confirmed that the Black River Falls Area has been infiltrated by this scam for the last few weeks and that the IRS will not contact you by telephone. They will contact you by mail if they need to correspond with you. Be-ware of this scam that is occurring throughout the Black River Falls Area.



HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Chairman Dave Archambault II,


The Ho-Chunk Nation stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The Dakota Access Pipeline poses a serious threat to sacred sites, culturally significant locations throughout the Sioux Territory. We must support each other in order to protect and preserve Mother Earth for future generations.

The shared strength in sovereignty will continue to guide Indian Country's opposition to those that seek to destroy ancestral lands. Our prayers and blessings are with you and the people on the front lines and in the courts.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is in full support and willing to assist any way we can.

Respectfully,



Wilfrid Cleveland
President
Ho-Chunk Nation

Resolution proposes to allow General Council online participation

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Bill Winneshiek wants to make it easier for Ho-Chunk members to participate in General Council, especially if they can't make it to the session.

He is proposing to introduce a resolution to use electronic procedures that will allow members to participate from home – or wherever they are at the time.

"I live in California on a fixed income, so it is impossible for me to get to a General Council meeting," Winneshiek said.

His resolution proposes to provide live streaming of the General Council proceedings on a secure web site.

The web site would allow members to electronically register for General Council with a unique identification number; provide live streaming of General Council proceedings; resolutions posted on the web site; provisions for

live interaction between tribal members and the chairman to ask questions or make comments on resolutions; provisions for confirmation of quorum to be tested throughout the day; provisions for voting electronically; provisions to display the ongoing actions online onto a large screen at General Council.

Winneshiek said he got the idea when it was announced that the Legislature meetings would be provided live streaming online and since then, for about a couple years, he has been thinking about the possibility for annual General Council meetings.

"I talked to my sister, who also lives in Area 5, and she agreed that it is a good idea," Winneshiek said.

Winneshiek asked Shane Steindorf of the Ho-Chunk Nation IT Department what it would take to make the system required for such a proposal.

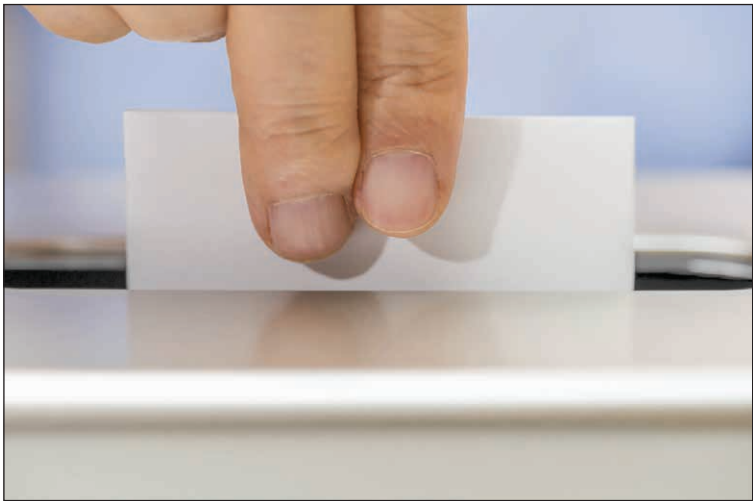
"Assuming that the le-

galities involved are resolved with a site like this being built by a Ho-chunk Nation government employee and that whether or not this site is hosted on site within the nation's outward facing web servers, the absolute best case for an ETA in terms of a finished project with at least two dedicated employees would be two months," Steindorf wrote to Winneshiek.

Steindorf estimates the time about 320 hours, which is 40 hours per week at eight weeks.

"That is also assuming that everything goes off without a hitch. We have the capabilities and getting whatever needs to be built, built. It comes down to 'client' or end-user input in terms of how long it takes to complete the project," Steindorf said.

He said he doesn't have an official dollar value to quote, but an estimate would be about \$80 an hour for outside contractors for a total of



\$25,600.

Winneshiek has sought information from outside sourcing, such as Cisco WebEx. The quote for the online event software is priced at \$495 per year, according to his sources.

Although such a possibility would improve the participation from members who live far away and can't make it to the meetings, the downside would be that it may deter

people from attending, who otherwise would attend.

"One of the purposes of General Council is the social aspect, where everyone can get together," he said. "The downside is that maybe attendance would be down because of the ability to participate online."

White House Appoints 2016-2017 Class of White House Fellows

WASHINGTON, DC

Today, the President's Commission on White House Fellowships announced the appointment of the 2016-2017 class of White House Fellows. The Fellows come from diverse backgrounds, varied professions, and have demonstrated a strong commitment to public service and leadership. The 2016-2017 class of Fellows and their biographies are included in the following pages.

The White House Fellows Program was created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson to give promising American leaders "first hand, high-level experience with

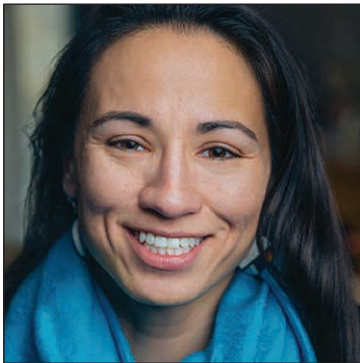
the workings of the Federal government, and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs." This unique opportunity to work within our nation's government is designed to encourage active citizenship and a lifelong commitment to service. The Fellows take part in an education program designed to broaden their knowledge of leadership, policy formulation, and current affairs. Community service is another essential element of the program, and Fellows participate in service projects throughout their year in Washington, D.C.

Selection as a White House Fellow is highly competitive

and based on a record of professional achievement, evidence of leadership potential, and a proven commitment to public service. Each Fellow must possess the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute meaningfully at senior levels of the Federal government. Throughout its history, the program has fostered leaders in many fields, including government, business, law, media, medicine, education, diplomacy, and the military. Additional information about the White House Fellows program is available at www.whitehouse.gov/fellows.

2016-2017 Class of White House Fellows:

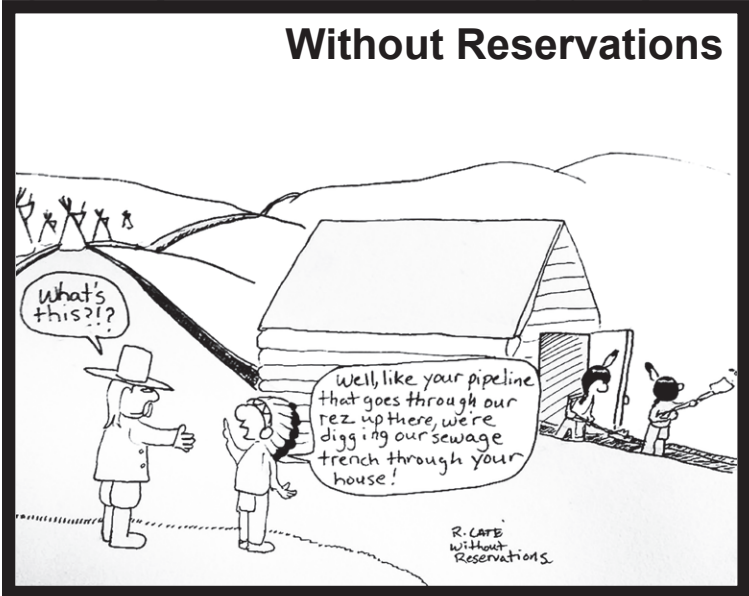
Sharice Davids, Rapid City, SD, served as the Deputy Director of Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation in Porcupine, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation where she managed a variety



Sharice Davids

of day-to-day operations, acted as in house legal counsel, and laid the foundation for a social enterprise program. She is from the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin, and has dedicated her professional life to economic development in Native American communities. In 2010, Sharice began her legal career in the Kansas City office of an international law firm as a corporate transactional attorney working

on mergers and acquisitions for private equity clients and economic development transactions with Native American tribes. After leaving corporate practice, Sharice moved to the Pine Ridge Reservation where she took a position with a high school as the Director of an Economic Development Initiative where she developed an entrepreneurship curriculum that was implemented at the high school level. After the development of the entrepreneurship program, Sharice started Hoka Coffee Company. Sharice received a B.B.A. from the University of Missouri in Kansas City and a J.D. from Cornell Law School. She is an avid martial artist and has competed at the amateur and professional levels in mixed martial arts.



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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells hosts the annual 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association Reunion

Gary Garvin
Staff Writer

"This is my very first reunion of my whole life, and I'm glad I'm spending it with the two-four." Robert Mann said, as he opened his speech Saturday evening, at the annual banquet held on the last night of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association Reunion.

Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31, more than 45 veterans, from across the country, and their families checked in and confirmed their registration at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells for the reunion.

"We have an annual reunion that's made up of anyone who was ever attached or assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines since we started as a battalion in 1911," 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines President Brooks Wilson said "We have members from all over the country – we have close to 500.

"And every year a member will host this somewhere. Donald Greengrass is our host this year. We try to vary it so one year it might be on the east coast, one year on the west coast, sometimes in the middle of the country," Wilson said.

The reunion emphasizes sharing experiences and enjoying each other's company.

"We just get together and we share our brotherhood," Wilson said. "We share

memories and remember the people we've lost."

Saturday evening during the annual banquet, gifts were exchanged between the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Wilson gifted Wilfred Cleveland, president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, with a painted glass frame resembling an American flag enclosing coveted military challenge coins.

Greengrass and Brandon Winneshiek, on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation, presented Wilson, along with the board members and a Brigadier General of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association, with beaded medallions designed with the Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem.

Mann delivered a speech about the veteran aspect and what it means in the Ho-Chunk culture to be a warrior. Mann shared the words his father told him prior to Mann's experience in the Marine Corps.

"When you come back. You owe. You were given the right to come back – you give." Mann then went on to talk about the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans Association, or the WWVA.

The WWVA was a veterans legion post formed by Ho-Chunk veterans that were not welcomed into the American Legion. The WWVA was



(L-R) Bill McDade (New York), Brandon Winneshiek, Brigadier General "Wild Bill" Wiess, and Donald Greengrass.

formed in the late 1940s and eventually joined the American Legion in the 1970s. The Ho-Chunk veterans that established the WWVA funded their association by playing baseball and challenging teams for money. They won enough games and raised enough money to buy their own uniforms and to send a delegation to Washington D.C.

Mann ended his speech expressing gratitude and pleasure.

"It's wonderful how we can get together like this, I am honored I am here," Mann said, "I had a warm feeling when I came here. I felt it when I walked through those doors."

President Cleveland gave the opening address, he covered topics concerning the Ho-Chunk Nation's government, kinship, his own experience in the service and gave a short description of the operations and history of the Nation's casinos.

"I was just giving them a brief idea of who we are," Cleveland said. "I talked about our language and culture and how important that is."

"What I really like letting them (the veterans) know is, okay we have this casino and this is what we do with the money. We aren't like all of these other big casino owners."

Various events and festivities took place during this year's reunion. Thursday, July 28, the veterans took a bus trip to tour the Wisconsin Military Museum in Madison. Friday, July 29, the veterans enjoyed a round of golf at the Reedsburg Country Club – in the evening they watched a mini powwow in the lobby at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

Saturday, July 30, a memorial service was held along with a general business meet-



2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association President Brooks Wilson, sports the medallion he received on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

ing in the Lower Dells Ballroom. At 6 p.m. the annual banquet was held in the Upper Dells Ballroom.

Sunday morning, July 31, the veterans and families checked out and exchanged their goodbyes.

For more information about the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines

Association visit their website at www.2-4association.org

For veteran help and information please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Officer Margaret "Muggs" Garvin at (715) 284-4563 or at Margaret.garvin@ho-chunk.com.



2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association President, Brooks Wilson, presents President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Wilfrid Cleveland, with a painted glass frame resembling an American flag enclosing coveted military challenge coins.



Members of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines dance alongside President Cleveland and Robert Mann as a Wisconsin Dells drum group sings an honor song.



The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor is the official emblem and insignia of the United States Marine Corps. The Eagle is the symbol of the United States, the Globe signifies the worldwide presence of the Marine Corps, and the Anchor represents the relationship the Marine Corps has with the U.S. Navy.

Veterans of the Ho-Chunk Nation receive recognition at Operation Badger Base

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Military veterans deserve respect and recognition. Last weekend, at Operation Badger Base, they received just that. The four-day event took place in Madison, from August 11 to August 14, on tribal grounds next to the casino.

“Operation Badger Base was put together by four veterans who wanted to do something,” said Steering Committee Member Chan Voltz. “Back about three years ago, they had a dream of bringing the Vietnam traveling wall to Madison.”

So upon request, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund brought in the Wall that Heals. The wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Director of Outreach Tim Tetz explained the idea.

“We started the Wall that Heals in 1996,” Tetz said. “We realized there were other walls out there that were trav-

eling, and that we probably needed to get out there and bring the wall to people.”

The traveling wall proved to be the main attraction. Listing all the same names as the full-size wall in Washington, D.C., it afforded veterans the opportunity to pay tribute to fellow service members who served alongside them.

“It means a lot to me,” said Vietnam-era veteran Jack Hoffman. “These are all brothers and sisters of mine.”

Another point of interest was a life-size replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Unlike the tomb in Arlington, VA, the exhibit allowed visitors access to the backside of the monument. Operation Badger Base representative Jeffrey Unger highlighted the significance of the two monuments being displayed together, in one place.

“We are making national history,” Unger said. “This is unprecedented and historic. The Tomb of the Unknown

Soldier and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial have never exhibited at any time in our nation’s history together.”

Commemorating our nation’s veterans was the main purpose of bringing in the exhibits. But many also saw it as a learning opportunity for the younger generation.

“We need to teach our youth about war and the things that happen during war,” Voltz said. “And this is one event where we can teach children coming up, growing up today. We can teach them about why the names are actually on the wall, [and about] the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.”

Some viewed the event as a fundraiser. Others would call it a celebration of military service. In reality, both were goals for the weekend.

“That’s what this is about,” Vietnam veteran Earl Ballweg said. “To raise funds, to bring the wall in.”

Musical entertainment could be heard on most nights. On Friday, country star Ricky Lee performed.

“This weekend, I’m here for the veterans,” Lee said. “I’m here to honor them, and to honor all the men and women whose names are on the wall over there.”

Lee became well known throughout the country for supporting military veterans. So did country singer Maggie Mae.

“We think we can do things in life,” Mae said. “But I don’t know if I could do what a soldier does. So I am really grateful for them.”

On Friday evening, the Quilts of Valor Foundation gave Ho-Chunk veterans handmade quilts in recognition of their service. One of the veterans receiving a Quilt of Valor was Stan Blackdeer.

“They wanted to show some appreciation for what we did,” Blackdeer said. “It means quite a bit.”

Former service members were not the only ones who took something away from the event, though. Current military members appreciated the chance to recognize our nation’s trailblazers. Second-class Petty Officer Amber Ortiz expressed her gratitude for the opportunity.

“It’s important to me to be



The Wall that Heals gives visitors a chance to remember those who fought for our country and our freedom.



Ho-Chunk veterans receive honorary Quilts of Valor.



The wall helps those affected by war heal their emotional wounds.



One of the visitors pays respect at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

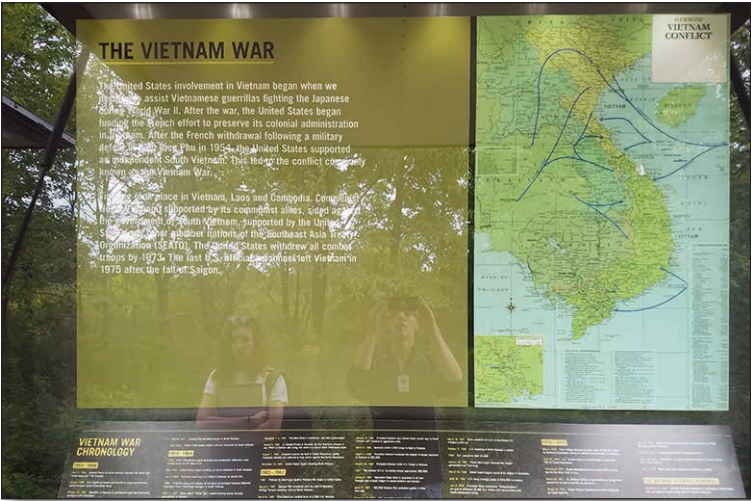
able to serve my country,” Ortiz said, “and give back to the veterans who went before us.”

The event drew a large crowd, and proved quite successful. The closing ceremo-

ny was held on Sunday afternoon. However, at the end of the weekend, nobody said goodbye. Rather, everyone was saying Welcome home.



Dancers from the Ho-Chunk Nation perform ceremonial dance at Operation Badger Base.



The Wall that Heals features a mobile exhibit that informs readers about the Vietnam War.

Watenphul retires from Planning after more than two decades

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For the last 23 years, Nancy Watenphul has helped the Ho-Chunk Nation to obtain grants and develop new facilities and programs for the people.

But, besides her work, her presence has impacted many people along the way.

“Some people just know how to bring out the best in others. Nancy saw that in me,” said Pine Giroux of the Planning Division. “She helped the Nation with everything she did.”

Her last day at work was August 19. A retirement party for her was held on August 12 at the Tribal Office Building.

“Being able to work with Nancy over the past few years has been a blessing. She was always willing to help and provide guidance whenever and wherever needed,” said Heather Rebedew, also of the Planning Division. “Nancy has done so much for me, for the department, for the Nation and what she accomplished has made such a difference in

so many lives. Nancy has always been there for me, mentored me, and given me the guidance that I needed to help me grow. She has always encouraged me and pushed me to realize my own strengths and abilities. She taught me that it is the little things in life that make a difference and to always remember to have pride-in-process.”

Nancy was born and raised near Fairchild and she presently lives on her great-grandparents’ farm, the house having been built in 1907.

She attended Fairchild schools until her senior year, when school consolidation occurred, so she graduated from Osseo-Fairchild High School in 1969.

Attending the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Nancy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1973, then followed up to get her Master’s Degree in English at the same university in 1979.

She taught freshman English for four years at Park

Falls High School, then college prep English at Appleton. The teacher positions became uncertain at the time, so Nancy moved to Minneapolis where she became the supervisor of the accounting correspondence department at the home office of the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company. She remained with that job for eight years.

After moving back home in 1987, Nancy was hired at the Ho-Chunk Nation in the Planning Division in 1993.

“Spencer Lonetree was putting Planning back together and hiring a whole new staff,” Nancy said. “We had several planners and grant writers.”

Through the years, grant writing has always been a vital part of the department, but the kinds of projects have changed. One of the early projects was to create a construction company.

One of the constants has been strategic planning, which is still part of the core principles. A lot of the work in Planning involves assisting other departments and divisions with their strategic planning goals.

“I’ll always remember the growth the Ho-Chunk Nation has gone through – the good things,” she said. “When I started, there were no elder community centers. Now, there is one in almost every Ho-Chunk community. And, back then, the House of Wellness was just a glimmer in someone’s eye.”

“But what I’ll remember most is the wonderful people I’ve met here,” she said.

She will not be idle during her time in retirement, tilting at windmills and challenging the questionable decisions in the world, just like she always has. One of her main causes is fighting frac sand mining in Wisconsin.

Being a genealogy buff, she hopes to get back to Germany to research the area where her distant ancestors came from.



Sharing the sofa with her friend Julie Mann, Nancy Watenphul opens the many cards and letters of good wishes for her retirement.

She was there in 1985 for two weeks, but she now knows the villages where they once lived.

She has other ambitions right here at home, too.

“My big dream is to buy a historic building in Fairchild and start a family and history research center,” she said. Nancy also likes to read and sew.

Frac sand mining has always been an industry she has opposed.

“I got involved with opposing frac sand mines because I was involved in the copper mining opposition back in 1997 and 1998. My town was targeted by a large conglomerate for developing copper mines. That industry has an undisputed negative impact on the environment.”

The opposition to the copper mining was successful, but only after the price of copper dropped to the point where the companies no longer saw the effort as profitable.

But the companies were using tactics of approaching public officials and under-

mining the residents’ wishes. Nancy sees the frac sand mining companies using the same tactics.

“It impacts everything – the environment, the economy, people’s health, and our quality of life. We don’t want to see our hills mowed down.”

Regardless of the proximity of the frac sand mines to her own farm, she didn’t want to see her neighbors have to experience the negative impact on their lives.

“I want to thank the Nation for the efforts to date to protect the environment.”

“I don’t know if the Nation understands how many people throughout Wisconsin look up to the Nation for leadership in this area. I sincerely hope the leadership in protecting the environment will continue.

“I want to thank the Nation for putting up with me for the last 23 years and I want to thank everyone who helped with the retirement party. I will miss the wonderful people I have met here – not just my co-workers but friends and I will never forget them.”



Nancy Watenphul is honored with a Pendleton blanket for her service to the Nation. Offering the gift are former co-workers Pine Giroux and Carol Garvin.

Pokémon GO causes problems for the Ho-Chunk people

Kaili Berg
Youth Writer

Niantic released a new upgraded reality game called Pokémon GO in July.

The objective of the game is the same as the normal Pokémon games: players have to capture, train and fight Pokémon but the difference is that the Pokémon are located in the real world now. It’s a GPS enabled game that asks the players to walk around an area and hunt down Pokémon, which can be found at random physical locations.

Pokémon Go is a social phenomenon, and like any fad, it has problems. Recently the Ho-Chunk Nation has had issues with the game. More

specifically with PokeStops.

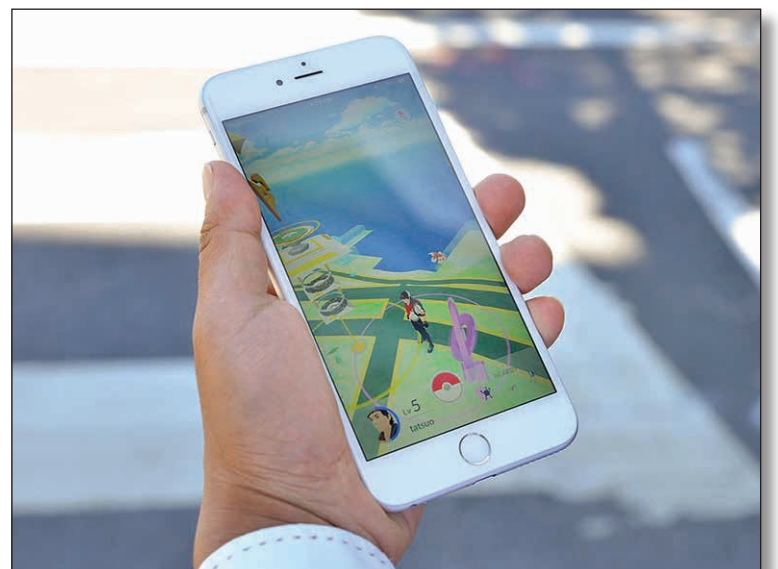
PokeStops are free item drops placed around the world. They are stationed at important cultural spots, like statues, public buildings, or other types of locations. Some have even been placed on burial grounds, which has driven concerns to people of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“It all started because people were calling our office saying that people were trashing parks and areas where there are mounds, specifically in the Madison area,” said Collin Price, public relations officer at the Ho-Chunk Nation. “It’s an issue because we are constantly trying to educate and preserve these

mounds, and the more people and traffic makes them become damaged.”

The Nation has put in a request at the company’s official support page, asking to remove the PokeStop from the mound and put them somewhere else. Since then, there has not been any more complaints made to the President’s Office.

“It’s our culture, and one of our missions to preserve our culture,” said Price. “That’s one thing we do is try to protect our ancestors and the things that were here before us so that we can leave them for the next generation.”



Native fighters draw a crowd at HCG-Wittenberg

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

When it comes to generating revenue at the casino, boxing matches pack a punch. For this reason, HCG-Wittenberg hosted the Friday Night Showdown last weekend in hopes of getting more customers onto the gaming floor. The fight card featured six bouts that included several local, Native American boxers.

"Everybody was in there cheering for their favorite," Director of Marketing Tracy Pecore said. "If you have



Harry "the Ho-Chunk Hammer" Funmaker talks to his fighter, Jerome Labarge, during the fight of the night.



The main event came to a draw between Daniel "DJ" Denny (left) and Gilbert Venegas (right).

Natives within the area that people know, it's going to bring in that crowd."

The event started off with some heavy-hitting action at the junior middleweight division. St. Paul's Veshawn Owens defeated Milwaukee's Jeffrey Wright by TKO in the third round.

In the second fight of the evening, 19-year-old Celso Ramirez squared off against 32-year-old Marteze Logan at the welterweight division. The older fighter taunted Ramirez throughout the entire fight, only to lose by TKO in the final round. One cannot help but wonder if the vast age gap between the two fighters contributed somewhat to Ramirez's knockout win.

The third fight of the night pitted Wisconsin's own Gavino Gauman against Missouri's Isaac Badger in the lightweight division. The bout went all four rounds and then on to the scorecard. Judges gave the fight to Gauman in a unanimous decision. But fa-

tigue may have played a factor in Badger's loss, as he had to cut weight at weigh-ins the night before.

At intermission, representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation presented five-time world champion Virgil Hill with an honorary Pendleton blanket in recognition of everything the former boxer has done to promote Native America. According to Hill, he identifies with tribal members and the Native American community.

"I just identify with all of Indian Country," Hill said. "My whole career has been about Indian Country."

The announcer also recognized the Nation's most prized fighter, Harry "the Ho-Chunk Hammer" Funmaker. The legendary boxer spoke about the social benefits gained by everyone coming together for such an event.

"It shows that we can work together," Hammer said. "We live in harmony."

The second half of the showdown featured Native fighters in the heavier weight classes. In the first cruiserweight matchup, Turtle Mountain's Lucas St. Claire faced off against 20-year-old Frankie Lopez. After a brutal first round, St. Claire threw in the towel. Judges scored the match as a TKO.

The next match brought the crowd to its feet with excitement. Stockbridge's Joseph Pecore fought Lac du Flambeau's Jerome Labarge in a heavy-hitting, four-round cruiserweight bout. The fight went to the scorecard, where Labarge won by majority decision.

"You heard the excitement," Tracy Pecore said. "People



Representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation present boxing legend Virgil Hill with an honorary Pendleton blanket in recognition of all he has done to support the Native American community.

were shouting and screaming, and on the edge of their seat, for that one fight."

Next came the main event, which starred local favorite Daniel "DJ" Denny. The 27-year-old Native from Oneida faced the much older Texan Gilbert Venegas, 39, in the junior middleweight division. Despite the age difference, Denny exuded confidence prior to the bout.

"I'm here to fight," Denny said. "I just like to fight."

Much to the disappointment of the fighters, the bout ended in a draw. Venegas clearly believed that he won the fight. However, the decision did not upset the crowd. Everyone still stood on their feet from the match before, screaming and shouting. The crowd reaction greatly pleased the coordinators of the event.

"It's entertainment," boxing promoter J.J. Corn said. "Boxing is a big part of Native lifestyle."

This marked the second year of the event, which proved much larger this time compared to last. For the previous match drew a much smaller crowd.

"[Attendance] more than tripled from last year's performance," Chief Financial Officer Bernice Twinn said. "Next year, it's going to grow again."

So boxing fans will just have to wait until next summer's showdown for more action. They look forward to the event, as do the fighters.

"It's something people can mark on their calendar," cruiserweight Joseph Pecore said. "The more you do it, the more people who are going to come."

In Our Midst - Wisconsin's Contemporary Native American Art

Submitted by Karen Ann Hoffman, Lead Curator, Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum

"In Our Midst - Wisconsin's Contemporary Native American Art" will be opening at the Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum, 800 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI on September 2, 2016. "In Our Midst" will feature 26 living Wisconsin artists who are members and descendants of eight different Native American Nations. These artists make their homes and share their talents through-out the State of Wisconsin.

"In Our Midst" will include a wide variety of artwork. Jennifer M. Stevens and Brenda John, of Oneida, WI will exhibit hand built Iroquois pottery. Three beaded photographs by Tom Jones, assistant Professor of Photography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be displayed. Acrylics by Scott Hill of Oneida, WI, will hang alongside the Watercolors of the 2015 School for Advanced Research Dobkin Fellow, Dawn DarkMountain. Large, vibrant canvases by LeAnne "Kalihwiyostha" Thompson celebrating Haudenosaunee culture will grace the gallery. Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Director of the Little Eagle Arts Foundation and Native Presence Gallery in Wisconsin Dells, WI will exhibit her award winning artwork showing a unique beaded bag made of skunk hide. 2016 First People's Fund Fel-

low and jeweler; Brian Szabo of Fort Atkinson, will show his bone and horn jewelry.

Contemporary Silversmith, Linda Lou Metoxen, of Westfield, WI, will be exhibiting a silver tea set with gold inlay. This teapot, sugar and creamer set, was a prize winner at the Santa Fe Indian Market. Linda's daughters; Juniper, Cypress and Sequoia, will exhibit their paintings. Linda Lou's husband, Ron Anderson will have a Silver Gorget, "The Last Lynx" in the show. This piece is inspired by Aldo Leopold's essay, "The Good Oak". The written word will also be celebrated with the original poetry of Richie Plass of Green Bay, WI. A well known writer, speaker and musician, he is also the creator of "Bittersweet Winds", a traveling exhibit exploring Native American imagery.

Artwork carved in stone by Stockbridge descendant; Clarence P. Cameron of Madison, WI along with the modern pictographs of Mike Hoffman, Cultural Advisor and Consultant to the Menominee Clans Story at University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point, will be on display. Christopher Sweet of Oak Creek, WI, who recently had a one man show at Native Presence Gallery and Ter-ri L O'Connor, whose work is inspired by growing up on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Central Wisconsin, are creating oil paintings and sculptural art specifically for this

exhibit.

Debra Fabian, master upholster at Just Chairs of West Allis, WI will be showing her sculptural furniture. Iroquois Raised Beadwork of Karen Ann Hoffman, whose beadwork is included in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and the New York State Museum, will be featured along with the work of her apprentices: Rodrick Elm and Stefanie Sikorowski. James Kelly of Milwaukee, photographer and beadworker, will also join the exhibition. Also featured are painters, Jermain Davids, Gresham, WI and Susan Brandstetter of New Berlin.

The Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum will host an opening reception on Friday, September 2, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A special performance by Jennifer Stevens will highlight the opening. Jennifer, a classically trained opera singer, will sing an aria she has composed in the Oneida Language. Refreshments will be served. The reception is free and open to the public.

"In Our Midst - Wisconsin's Contemporary Native American Art" will remain on exhibit through October 23, 2016. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Smith Scarabocchio Art Museum is managed



In Our Midst - Never Alone Watercolor by Dawn DarkMountain Beadwork by Karen Ann Hoffman.

by the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra through a cooperative agreement with the City of Stevens Point Parks and Recreation Department. All exhibits are made possible by the Scarabocchio Artist Curatorial Steering Committee. For further information, please visit: cwso.org/pages/Scarabocchio-art-museum or call: 715-345-7726.



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-Per By-Laws of the GCA:
Article 1. Section 2. © The GCA shall provide monthly written status Report to Tribal Membership through area meetings of the Legislature.
Article V. Section 1. (A) The GCA will meet at least once per month.

September 2016

Please find the following summary of General Council Agency activity for the past 30-days. This report includes a summary of meeting activities; follow up on General Council Resolutions, and vacancies on General Council Agency. If you have specific questions please follow up with you Area/Community Agent or Alternate or call the General Council Office 715-284-7891.

General Council Agency (GCA) Meetings

All GCA Meeting Minutes may now be found online (see links below) and in the Hocak Worak.

7/16/2016 GCA Regular Meeting – Tomah, WI
Minutes are ratified.
7/31/2016 GCA Special Meeting – HCC, Baraboo, WI
Minutes are ratified
8/20/2016 GCA Quarterly Meeting – Clarion Hotel, Madison, WI
Minutes are not ratified.

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR GCA MEETING

GCA Regular Meeting
September 15th – 18TH, 2016
To be determined – will be posted
Clarion Hotel – Madison, WI
Alliant Energy Center – Madison, WI

NOTE: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY.

Annual General Council 2014 - 2015 Resolution Update

The 10 year General Council Resolution Update will be printed and in book form. This book will be distributed at the Annual meeting.

Annual General Council 2016 Planning

A Special Edition of the Hocak Worak for General Council is now available. Transportation is available, please see the attached information. There is limited seating so please do not wait until the last minute to reserve your spot. Also, all passengers who utilize the GC Transportation are required to fill-out and submit a Transportation Agreement form prior to riding. There will special accommodations for the Elite Elders who attend. Wheelchairs and scooters are available, please have proper I.D. Enrollment will be at available on Friday, September 16th, from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM And Saturday, September 17th, from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Duplicate I.D. cost is \$10.00. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. A “To-go Snack Pack,” will be available with a ticket provided at payout to all “Registered” voting tribal members. One per person. “Zero Tolerance” for alcohol, drugs or firearms will be strictly enforced by the security personnel. Golf cart shuttles will be available throughout the day transporting persons to and from the Exhibition Hall parking lot. Parents bringing children please abide by the following;
1. Children must be supervised at all times.
2. Please monitor your children’s behavior.
3. Children must remain inside the building and not wander the parking lot.
4. Unattended children will be escorted back to their seats by security personnel.

Resolution Writing & Submission

There have been four General Council Resolutions that have been drafted and will be included in the General Council Agenda Book.

- Resolution to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation “General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, ITEM 4, Determination of quorum; and item 11, Procedures for motions”
- General Council Branch Budget for FY 2018
- Resolution to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders
- Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation for Rights of Nature

All tribal members still in need of assistance with writing General Council Resolutions may still contact the office as the Office of the General Council offers resolution writing assistance up to and during the Annual Meeting. Please contact John Swimmer, General Council Attorney, if assistance is needed at; (715) 284-7891 x- 1067 or by email at john.swimmer@ho-chunk.com.

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Milwaukee – Agent
Wisconsin Dells - Agent
La Crosse - Agent
Minneapolis/St Paul - Agent
Mauston - Alternate

General Council Branch/GCA on FB and Internet

Please log on to General Council Facebook page to see all updates as they come in.
On Facebook, search Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.
On Google, <https://sites.google.com/site/hochunkgca/>

Prepared by,
Joy Thompson-Bonanno, GC Advocate

GENERAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders

RESOLUTION 09 - 17 – 2016 __

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Constitution”), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and
WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall be binding; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that General Council finds that Ho-Chunk Nation Elders are on limited incomes and that energy bills create a hardship on many elders. To help defray these expenses the Ho-Chunk Nation wants to create a program that will provide interested Elders access to funding and programs that will put alternative energy such as solar or wind energy to provide alternative energy in Elder Homes.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk finds that Elders with special needs, or that require refrigeration for medical supplies or medical equipment will receive priority funding under this program.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be submitted as part of the annual budget process from this day forward until repealed.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Legislature refuses to fund this resolution the specific reasons shall be stated, and the Vice-President shall present an explanation to General Council at the next annual or special General Council meeting called.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of __ members, of whom __ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the __ day of __, 2016, that the foregoing resolution was adopted or rejected at said meeting by an affirmative vote of __ members, opposed, and __ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

This Resolution submitted by the Dawn M. Thoms

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SPECIAL ELECTION TO AMEND THE

HO-CHUNK NATION CONSTITUTION

FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

9-17-2016-__

Requesting Special Election (changing or amending Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution)
WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994 the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Constitution”), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and
WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. All eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c) of the Constitution, the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f) of the Constitution, Actions by the General Council shall be binding; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, this Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, If voters adopt the amendments(s), the amendments(s) shall become effective immediately.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council hereby request that the Ho-Chunk Nation conduct a Special Election on the Amendment to the Constitution proposed below.

Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation
WHEREAS, the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation find our air, land, and water are threatened;
WHEREAS, we live at a time of unprecedented species extinction, ecosystem collapse, and global warming;
WHEREAS, conventional environmental laws, which regulate the use and exploitation of the environment, have proven inadequate to protect nature;

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WHEREAS, in the tradition of the Nation’s relationship with Mother Earth, we must place the highest protections on nature; though the recognition of rights in the Nation’s highest law, our Constitution; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution, we the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation, through a vote of the General Council, may amend the Constitution;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation exercise our inherent and inalienable right of sovereignty and self-governance, and herby amend the Constitution with the addition of Article X, Section 2 to the Bill of Rights.

Article X, Section 2: Rights of Nature

- (a) **Rights of Nature.** Ecosystems and natural communities within the Ho-Chunk Nation territory possess an inherent, fundamental, and inalienable right to exist and thrive. This right includes, but is not limited to, the right of ecosystems and natural communities’ to maintain and regenerate their life cycles, structure, functions and evolutionary processes; the right to be restored; and the right to the defense, protection, and enforcement of their rights.
- (b) **Enforcement.** Ecosystems and natural communities may enforce their rights through an action brought by the Ho-Chunk Nation or members of the Ho-Chunk Nation in any court possessing jurisdiction over activities occurring on Ho-Chunk territory, in the name of the ecosystem or natural community as the real party in interest. Damages shall be measured by the cost of restoring the ecosystem or natural community to its state before the injury, and shall be paid to the Ho-Chunk Nation to be used exclusively for the full and complete restoration of the ecosystem or natural community.
- (c) **Prohibitions.** It shall be unlawful within the Ho-Chunk territory for any corporation or government to engage in activities that would violate, or infringe upon, the rights recognized and secured by this Article, including but not limited to, damage or destruction of flora or fauna possessing traditional medicinal significance to the Ho-Chunk Nation or its members, fossil fuel extraction, frac sand mining, and the introduction or use of genetically engineered organisms.
- (d) **Corporations.** Any corporation or other business entity, organized under the laws of any state or any country, which violates this Article, shall not be deemed to be a “person” to the extent that such treatment would interfere with the rights or prohibitions enumerated by this Article, nor shall they possess any other legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, or duties that would interfere with the rights or prohibitions enumerated by this Article, including the power to assert state or federal preemptive laws in an attempt to overturn this Article, or the power to assert that the Ho-Chunk Nation lacks the authority to adopt this Article.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of ____ members, of whom ____ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the ____ day of _____, 2004, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of ____ members, ____ opposed, and ____ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

GENERAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Establish the Tribal Aging Unit as a Separate and Independent Department Under the Executive Branch of Government

RESOLUTION __ - __ - __ - __

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Constitution”), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall be binding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the General Counsel pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1, General Council has authority to request a constitutional amendment.

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council wants to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to establish an Independent Department of Tribal Aging under the Executive Branch of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, General Council requests an amendment to the Constitution to amend Article VI, Section 1 (b) adding a Department of Tribal Aging with additional staff to address our growing elder population needs and include the Elder Work Experience Program and further request that the Legislature create an Establishment Act, which establishes an independent Department of Tribal Aging under the Executive Branch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, General Council request an amendment to the Constitution to amend Article VI, Section 1(b) adding a Department of Tribal Agency, and to request that the Legislature create an Establishment Act setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Tribal Aging.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution will be amended in relevant part as follows:
(b) The Executive Branch shall be composed of an any administrative Department created by the Legislature, including a Department of Treasury, Justice, Administration, Housing, Business, Social Services, Education, Labor, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Tribal Aging, and other Departments deemed necessary by the Legislature. Each Department shall include an Executive Director, a Board of Directors, and necessary employees.
BE IT RESOLVED that the budget, employees, and records of the Tribal Aging Unit will be transferred from the Tribal Aging Unit to the newly created Department of Tribal Aging, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any legislation passed amending the Department of Justice Establishment Act shall be retroactive to the date of passage of this Resolution.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Council Agency shall have authority to take any and actions necessary to amend the Constitution including requesting an amendment to the Constitution, and any and all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of ____ members, of whom ____ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the ____ day of ____, 2016, that the foregoing resolution was adopted or rejected at said meeting by an affirmative vote of ____ members, opposed, and ____ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.
This Resolution submitted by _____.

REMOVAL OF WILFRID CLEVELAND FROM PRESIDENT OF THE HO CHUNK NATION FOR FELONY CONVICTIONS WHILE IN OFFICE

WHEREAS: On November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
WHEREAS: The Ho-Chunk Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 3.(a) of the Constitution grants the General Council the power to make laws, including codes, ordinance, resolutions, and statutes; and
WHEREAS: Article IV - General Council, Section 1. Powers of the General Council. states that “The people of the Hochunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. All eligible voters of the Hochunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council.”, and,
WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 3. (a) Powers Retained by the General Council dictates that ”The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Hochunk Nation General Council.”, and,
WHEREAS: Article VI, Section (f) dictates that “Actions of the General Council shall be binding.” this resolution sets forth the logic of the following actions which constitutional law dictates that remediative action by the General Council be duly instituted.
WHEREAS: In 2010, a HCN General Council Removal of President Wilfrid Cleveland was created by Timothy Whiteagle which contained five (5) reasons that justified his ouster as president, was presented but not passed due to being buried in the clamor over per-capita concerns, and
WHEREAS: The Hochunk Wazijaci Nation President is our chief executive officer and embodies the integrity with which we project the essence of our tribal commitment to maintaining solid governance to all outside agencies with whom we interrelate, and
WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 3. Qualifications of the HCN Constitution clearly states that “ ... No person convicted of a felony shall serve as President unless pardoned.”, and,
WHEREAS: During the March 10, HCN Presidential Listening Session in Lacrosse queries were directed toward President Cleveland from Eliot Littlejohn in which he inquired whether or not he “ ... asked for a pardon, [and if he (specifically)] “ ... received a pardon for (his) felony convictions in 1972 in Black River Falls, and the one in Milwaukee in 1974?” Mr. Cleveland responded: “NO“, and also, “You can’t do anything about it anyway!” and,
WHEREAS: The three Letters to the Editor of the Hocak Worak exhaustively researched the subject of **felony convictions** relative to “Disorderly Conduct and Battery to Peace Officer/Fireman” laws, and how impervious they are to being bypassed except through the vehicle of being expunged through pardon by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin or President of the United States, and
WHEREAS: In a 31 May 2007 letter from Gerald R. Fox Re: State v. Wilfrid Cleveland, Jackson Co. Case. No. 72 CF 1798 (a 1972 case), he stated that (the case)
“ ... was characterized as “*feloniously cause bodily harm.. ’ contrary to section 940.205 of the 1971 Statutes. That offense is unarguably a felony, as the maximum penalty prescribed for this offense was two years imprisonment, as reflected both on the face of the Complaint, and in the Criminal Code then in effect. ... There are no documents of record even suggesting that this conviction has been reversed, set aside or pardoned.*” (and),
WHEREAS: Six years have transpired since the first attempt to remove **CONVICTED FELON** President Wilfrid Cleveland in which he succeeded in duping the HCN Attorney General, Compliance Department, and HCN Election Board into acquiescing to claims that his felony status was expunged, and,
WHEREAS: Since March 10, 2016 President Cleveland has failed to

I. Call to Order:
Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

II. Roll Call: At 10:03 AM.

Baraboo
Kim Crowley-E
Kristin White Eagle-P

Black River Falls
Melissa Olvera-P
Maynard Rave Jr.

Chicago
Nathan Dall-P
Mary Mullen-

Green Bay
Mary Lopez-P
Dawn Lopez-

La Crosse
Michael Sallaway-E
Paul Krause-P

Madison
Brenda Neff-P
Saresa Ryckman-

Mauston:
Clifford Blackdeer Jr-P
Kim Wakau

Milwaukee:
Muriel Whiteagle Lee-E
Melody Whiteagle-Fintak-P

MLps/St. Paul:
Rosetta Hunt-P
Rhonda Hunt-

Tomah:
Donna Littlegeorge-P
William Hopinkah-

Wisconsin Dells:
Roger Thundercloud-P
Manda Mann-

Wisconsin Rapids:
Merlin Crow-P
Celena Twinn-

Wittenberg:
Myrna Littlewolf-E
Martin Littlewolf-

III. Determination of Quorum:
Quorum was established at this time. Other people who were also present include Joy Thompson, GC Advocate;

Wendy Running Horse, GC Deputy Advocate; Tanya Kessen, PT GC Deputy Advocate; Julia Hopinkah-Archie, GC Secretary; John Swimmer, GCA Attorney.

IV. Opening Prayer:
Melody Whiteagle-Fintak offered a moment of silence at 10:04 AM.

V. Approval of Agenda:
1) **MOTION** by Donna Littlegeorge to approve the agenda. Seconded by Paul Krause. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
2) **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt to accept the June 18th, 2016 GCA Regular Meeting Minutes with amendments. Seconded by Donna Littlegeorge. **9-0-1 MOTION CARRIED.** Melissa Olvera entered the room at 10:06 AM.

3) **MOTION** by Paul Krause for John Swimmer, GCA Attorney to write a letter to Joan Greendeer-Lee and Henning Garvin regarding Institutional Review Board effort to regulate surveys administered at Annual General Council Meeting. In particular, citing Article IV, Section 3, (d) “The General Council retain the power to establish its own procedures in accordance with this constitution”. Seconded by Rosetta Hunt. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

4) **MOTION** by Donna Littlegeorge to approve the GCA Advocate Monthly Report. Seconded by Paul Krause. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED.** (Melody Whiteagle-Fintak abstained).

5) **MOTION** by Melissa

Olvera to accept the GCA Treasurer monthly report. Seconded by Melody Whiteagle-Fintak. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Brenda Neff abstained).

6) **MOTION** by Roger Thundercloud to not pursue an appeal regarding HCN Tribal Court Case CV 15-02. Seconded by Mary Lopez. **9-1-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Melody Whiteagle-Fintak voted No/ Melissa Olvera Abstained).

7) **MOTION** by Kristin White Eagle for John Swimmer, GCA Attorney to prepare a draft for criminal codes statute to address provisions for civil suits and criminal damages to protect HCN Tribal information. Seconded by Melissa Olvera. **9-1-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Donna Littlegeorge voted No/ Melody Whiteagle-Fintak Abstained).

8) **MOTION** by Donna Littlegeorge to accept the GCA Attorney Monthly Report. Seconded by Paul Krause. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called at 15 minute break at 11:59 AM.

Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called the meeting back to order at 12:16 PM.

9) **MOTION** by Roger Thundercloud to accept the bid from Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 and their Legion Auxiliary to serve at the General Council 2016 in the amount of \$500.00 each with two hotel rooms each and cigarettes. Seconded by Melissa Olvera. **10-1-0 MOTION CARRIED** (Kristin White Eagle voted No).

10) **MOTION** by Roger Thundercloud to accept Thunderbear and Wisconsin Dells singers bid at 750.00 per drum, two hotel rooms each and two cartons of cigarettes each. Seconded by Paul Krause. **4-0-7 MOTION CARRIED** (Mary Lopez, Rosetta Hunt, Kristin White Eagle, Brenda Neff, Melody Whiteagle-Fintak, Melissa Ol-

vera and Donna Littlegeorge Abstained).

11) **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt to pay Roger Thundercloud Mileage to go to Traditional Court to address the Bear Clan Security for General Council 2016 and HCN Treasury’s need for individual contracts. Seconded by Kristin White Eagle. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Roger Thundercloud Abstained).

12) **MOTION** by Brenda Neff for the General Council Cashiers to be paid \$100.00 each and hotel rooms for Friday night September 16, 2016. In accordance with the recommendations made by the GCA Ad Hoc Finance Committee. Seconded by Paul Krause. **9-2-0 MOTION CARRIED** (Donna Littlegeorge and Melissa Olvera voted No).

13) **MOTION** by Kristin White Eagle to approve the HCN Constitution proof by The Print Shop and to move forward with printing. Seconded by Donna Littlegeorge. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Melody Whiteagle-Fintak abstained).

14) **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt for the OOGC Staff to proceed with the General Council 2016 Resolution Summary Booklet with gray color cover. Seconded by Mary Lopez. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

15) **MOTION** by Donna Littlegeorge to have a GCA Special Meeting at 10:00 AM on Sunday July 31, 2016 for the purpose of completing the Annual Report, Resolution booklets and Hocak Worak Special Edition. Seconded by Paul Krause. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Roger Thundercloud Abstained).

16) **MOTION** by Kristin White Eagle to accept the Clarion Suites rooming list and payment as presented with updates for GCA board members. Seconded by Mary Lopez. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

17) **MOTION** by Mary Lopez to accept the Comfort

Inn-Madison rooming list and payment for General Council 2016. Seconded by Melissa Olvera. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

18) **MOTION** Donna Littlegeorge to accept the Holiday Inn Express-Madison Rooming list and payment for General Council 2016. Seconded by Paul Krause. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

19) **MOTION** by Donna Littlegeorge to approve GCA Ad Hoc Resolution Committee Minutes from June 25, 2016. Seconded by Paul Krause. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

20) **MOTION** by Melissa Olvera to approve the GCA Ad Hoc Finance Committee Report. Seconded by Melody Whiteagle-Fintak. **9-1-1 MOTION CARRIED** (Roger Thundercloud voted No/ Brenda Neff Abstained).

21) **MOTION** by Mary Lopez to accept Mauston GCA Alternate letter of resignation on Saturday July 16, 2016. Seconded by Nathan Dall. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

22) **MOTION** by Melissa Olvera to have a GCA Special Meeting on July 31, 2016 at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wis. Dells to accommodate telephone conference added to the agenda Chicago HCN Tribal Member re: Transportation incident. Seconded by Clifford Blackdeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Roger Thundercloud leaves room at 2:59 PM.

23) **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt to adjourn. Seconded by Donna Littlegeorge. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. Scheduling of the Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- The next GCA Meeting will be August 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Meeting location is TBD.
- The GCA Regular meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. Submitted by: Wendy Running Horse, GCA Deputy Advocate

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produce countervailing evidence in support of his claim that his **FELONY CONVICTION** has been expunged,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That based upon his **CONVICTED FELON** status, Wilfrid Cleveland immediately divest himself from his deceitfully acquired Office of the President of the Hochunk Nation by resigning from said position which he obtained through extreme audacity by defrauding the electoral process, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the following provisions be executed:

- (1) Said resignation instrument indicate the specific constitutional provisions which were violated and mandate his expulsion from the office of President of the Hochunk Wazijaci Nation,
- (2) Personnel from the Hochunk Nation Police Department oversee his vacating of the Office of the President effective immediately,
- (3) That the HCN Department of the Treasury calculate the amount of money disbursed to him illegally during his tenures as Area Representative, Tribal Legislator and his two terms as President of the Hochunk Nation in order to determine the amount which he is to reimburse to the tribal treasury,
- (4) The same conditions of being barred from tribal facilities precedent which applied to former Tribal Chairman Chloris Lowe’s removal be applied to Mr. Cleveland as well, and,

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED: That counsel for the HCN General Council immediately and aggressively litigate Mr. Cleveland, Attorney General, HCN Compliance Department, and Election Board, and all those individuals who had a fiduciary professional obligation to report constitutional irregularities insofar as all of the foregoing provisions apply, and to keep the tribal populace informed of the such legal proceedings in the Hocak Worak until they attain their successful conclusion.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of _____ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the _____ day of _____, 2016, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members, _____ opposed, and _____ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of “Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.



General Council Agency Vacancy

The Following GCA Agent Terms expire after the September 2016 Annual General Council Meeting:

- **Wittenberg – Agent**
- **Milwaukee – Agent**
- **Wisconsin Dells – Agent**
- **La Crosse – Agent**
- **Minneapolis/St Paul – Agent**
- **Mauston – Alternate**

Please be sure to address this if your area is listed by making nominations your next area meeting in September. All new term limits for Agents will begin at the October 2016 GCA Regular Meeting.

For more information, contact the following:

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Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Mashkiikii Gitigan Garden

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 community members and legislators met with the Mashkiikii Gitigan group on August 18, 2016 at the St. Paul District Meeting to present a \$2000 donation to the community garden. The district made a motion at their June meeting to donate funds

to the Mashkiikii Gitigan (Medicine Garden) Garden Project. The garden was created in 2013 as a way to help community members grow their own food. It also offers training and workshop to youth and adults in the community. The garden is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Christina Elias, Mashkiikii Gitigan Head Farmer/Manager said, "Thank you so much for this kind and gener-

ous donation. It is generosity like this that demonstrates abundance and will keep The Mashkiikii Gitigan thriving!

This money will be used to support our community "Grow Your Own" classes, help run our Four Sisters Market Table, as well as provide supplies to our Pre-Apprentices in support of their projects in the garden."



Top: Abel Martinez, Kaina Martinez, Rep. Matt Mullen
Middle Row: Robert Pilot, Curtis West, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Eloise Funmaker, Christina Elías, Audrey Penney, Rachel LaFriniere, Rosa Zamora Chimborazo, Joanna Hill, Mike Goze.
Kneeling: Paul Fox.

A double-header gave concert goers a night filled with great music

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls was rocking with 60s iconic hits the night of Saturday, August 20.

The opening act before Felix Cavaliere's Rascals was The Git Backs out of Clear Lake, WI. They provided a variety of hit music from the 1960s.

Felix Cavaliere's Rascals connected with the audience with hits like "Beautiful Morning," "Groovin'," "Good Lovin'," "I've Been Lonely

Too Long," "People Got to Be Free," "In the Midnight Hour," "Mustang Sally," and "A Girl Like You."

Rubber Soul from Minneapolis opened for Micky Dolenz, which consists of a Beatles tribute band equipped with "Go-Go Girls" in British flag dresses who danced throughout the audience.

Micky Dolenz performed a variety of songs besides the hits from The Monkees, including songs from the beginning of Dolenz' career to the present. Monkee hits included

"I'm a Believer," "Last Train to Clarksville," "I'm Not Your Stepping Stone," "Daydream Believer," and "Pleasant Valley Sunday."

At one point in the show, Dolenz sang a duet with his sister, Coco, of the song, "Crying in the Rain."



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS,
WI
JUNE 7, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10: a.m.

Roll Call:
President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. David Greendeer -P
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the agenda with striking under New Business-EE.-Ethics Review Board, and adding Tribal Aging Unit Board Requests and FF. Travel Approval-Tribal Water Rights Workshop-August 11, 2016 and tabling New Business G. through X agenda items for further clarification and to address at the June 21, 2016 Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 8-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the May 25, 2016 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:
Development Committee-May 24, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the May 24, 2016 Development Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee-May 24, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the May 24, 2016 Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Committee-May 25, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the May 25, 2016 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar.

Second WITHDRAWS. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 6-3(Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association (HAGA):
Discussion was on the lack of advertisement of tournaments, low turnout rates and the fees associated with tournaments. HAGA Board is requested to provide a list of costs per fees incurred from last year and estimated fees for upcoming tournaments. **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer for the Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association (HAGA) Board Members to come back to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Housing Committee-June 2, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the June 2, 2016 Housing Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:
Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws.
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to TABLE the Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:
Resolution-In Support of Head Start COLA Grant Application.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 A**, In Support of Head Start COLA Grant Application. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-2016-17 Ho-Chunk Nation Enhanced Domestic Abuse Services for Native American Tribes Request for Proposal #437003-G16-0000872.
They will not be returning back to the Legislature for matching funds. **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 B**, 2016-17 Ho-Chunk Nation Enhanced Domestic Abuse Services for Native American Tribes Request for Proposal #437003-G16-0000872. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance or Denial of Application of Nahtanha Bellanger WhiteWing to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury.
A confirmation hearing will be scheduled. **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt

Resolution 06-07-16 C, Acceptance or Denial of Application of Nahtanha Bellanger WhiteWing to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone 8-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency to Apply for the 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant for the Wisconsin Dells Area Solar Project-Housing Rehabilitation.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 D**, Support for the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Agency to Apply for the 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant for the Wisconsin Dells Area Solar Project-Housing Rehabilitation. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency for the 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant for the Wisconsin Dells Area Solar Project-Housing Rehabilitation: Certification That The Nation Has Met The ICDBG Citizen Participation Requirement.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 E**, Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency for the 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant for the Wisconsin Dells Area Solar Project-Housing Rehabilitation: Certification That The Nation Has Met the ICDBG Citizen Participation Requirement. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Transfer Funds from the Ho-Chunk Nation to Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Capital Project: Red Banks (TIP Road) Tribal Member Housing Project.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 F**, Transfer Funds from the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing and Community Development Agency for Capital Project: Red Banks (TIP Road) Tribal Member Housing Project. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Closing of Crockett’s Deposit Account at Bank of Mauston.
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 G**, Authorizing Closing of Crockett’s Deposit Account at Bank of Mauston. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 10-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Closing of Ho-Chunk Distribution Center at Key Bank.
MOTION by Rep. David

Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 H**, Authorizing Closing of Ho-Chunk Distribution Center at Key Bank. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Submission of Indirect Cost Rate Proposal.
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 I**, Submission of Indirect Cost Rate Proposal. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support of the Nomination of Robert TwoBears as Delegate to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Tribal Advisory Committee.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 06-07-16 J**, Support of the Nomination of Robert TwoBears as Delegate to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Tribal Advisory Committee. 8-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Winnebago Pow-Wow Request-Vice President Darren Brinegar:
The Winnebago Pow-Wow is considered the oldest pow-wow and the pow-wow will be commemorating the 150th Homecoming Celebration in honoring Chief Little Priest. **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Winnebago Pow-Wow from next year’s FY 2017 Budget out of Charitable Contributions for food, water, veterans and t-shirts and with reconciliation of funds. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hatfield Fireworks Sponsorship-Rep. Greg Blackdeer:
The Hatfield Fireworks Fund Inc., was looking for a charitable request to assist with the annual firework display. **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve \$500.00 from Charitable Contributions to the Hatfield Fireworks Fund Inc., with the check payable to the vendor. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elderly Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2016)
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve on an expedited basis the **MOTION** by Frances LittleWolf to approve District 2 Elder TID #0532 Request for Flooring bid from Capaul’s, in the amount of \$4,660.23, from the Elder Assistance line item. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 9-0-0 **MOTIONCARRIED.**

HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED

ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS. MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve on an expedited basis the **MOTION** by Judy Whitehorse to keep the Color Guard and Drum Group monies and change the amount of the Elder Gifts to \$2,000, for a total of 3,000, to come from the Elder Assistance Program. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS. District 2 Elite Elder TID #2304 Request for Hearing Aid:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve on an expedited basis the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to approve the District 2 Elite Elder TID #2304 request for a hearing aid from the vendor, in the amount of \$3,900, from the Elder Assistance Program, any cost not covered out contract by insurance. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS. Rep. Greg Blackdeer is out of the room. Elder Assistance Program:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve on an expedited basis the **MOTION** by Frances LittleWolf to approve the \$18,323.26 from the Elder Assistance Program for reimbursement to the TAU Home Repair line item. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Conference Approvals:
Rep. Greg Blackdeer is out of the room. Tribal Water Rights Workshop:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to authorize four legislators to attend the Tribal Water Rights Workshop in Fort Hall, Idaho, August 11, 2016. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Rep. Greg Blackdeer is back in the room. District Meetings: District 2-Baraboo-June 6, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Development Committee as a Standing Agenda Item and the Office of the President **MOTION** by Paul Cloud for the land use plan for Sauk 6 to include Pow-Wow grounds, culture center and La Crosse fields. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Financial Examiner and Legislative Counsel to draft up resolutions for \$1 million dollars for Sauk 6 for Pow-Wow grounds, Cultural Center, and La Crosse fields and for the remaining closeout funds for District One Community

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19TH ANNUAL BERT FUNMAKER
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

DATE- September 11, 2016

WHERE- Holiday Lodge Golf Resort
10555 Freedom Road
Tomah, WI 54660

COST- \$65 Entry Fee Includes:
greens fee, carts, skins, and light meal

REGISTRATION- 8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

SHOTGUN START AT 10:00 A.M.

4 Person Scramble- Luck of the Draw



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Center and Little Blackhawk Property. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. Second Concurrency. 4-5(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Douglas Greengrass, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Lori Pettibone) **MOTION DEFATED** **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Financial Examiner the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for the Legislature to identify potential funding sources for the Pow-wow grounds, Cultural Center, and La Crosse fields. Potential sources to include NPD funds, grant funding, BIA Roads, and HHCD. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **READ FOR THE RECORD:** **MOTION** by Robert

Funmaker that the Legislature instruct the Executive Branch to keep HCG-Wisconsin Dells Gift Shop open and to commission a study to make HCG-Wisconsin Dells Gift Shop more profitable. **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin for the closure of the Ho-Chunk Gaming -Wisconsin Dells Gift Shop is suspended until the Executive Branch is able to provide a study detailing how any potential revenues are retained or a study to show how to make the gift shop profitable. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 8-0-1 (Rep. Robert Two Bears) **MOTION CARRIED.** **Executive Session:** **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 11:25 a.m. *Break for 5 minutes.* **MOTION** by Rep.

Douglas Greengrass to move into Open Session. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.** **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 5:03 p.m. **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **Adjournment:** **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to adjourn to Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells in Baraboo, Wisconsin on June 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The Legislative meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyeen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Jarred James Ness, Petitioner, v. Courtney Dianne Melocarro, Respondent.
Case : CS 16-66

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Courtney Dianne Melocarro

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled child support matter. This legal notice of the *Petition for Child Support* is now served upon you by publication. A hearing shall be held no less than twenty-five (25) days after service of this *Summons* is completed. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28a. You are hereby notified that **the Court may proceed in your absence and enter a default judgement without your participation if you do not appear at the hearing or respond to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of publication.** *Id.*, § 7.28d(i). To properly submit a response, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. The response must include a completed financial disclosure, which shall be confidential and available only to the parties and the Court, as well as an authorization for the release of financial records. *Id.*, § 7.28e, g.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : T.J.B., DOB 11/24/2015
Case : PA 16-11

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: Tyrel J. Boyd

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Paternity* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.
You have twenty (20) days from the date of the second publication to respond to the *Petition for Paternity*, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a *Paternity Hearing* in accordance with HOC-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE 4 HCC § 7.19.
The Court shall commence a proceeding at 1 . on the 25th day of August 2016 for the following purpose: **Paternity Hearing.** Pursuant to HOC-CHUNK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial. You have additionally been provided a “Notice to Respondent” that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:
NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.
Notice to Respondent
a. You have been named in a petition alleging paternity. A judgment of paternity would legally designate the child as your child, grant rights to you, create the right of inheritance for the child, obligate you to pay child support and make failure to pay child support punishable as contempt.
b. You may request a genetic test which will indicate the probability that you are the father of the child. The court will order a genetic test on request from you, a designated tribal agency, or any other party to the case. Any person who refuses to take a court ordered genetic test may be punished for contempt.
c. The petitioner has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that you are the father. If a genetic test shows that you are not excluded as the father and that the statistical probability of you being the father is ninety-nine percent (99.0%) or higher, you are presumed to be the father.
d. The following defenses are available to you:
i. That you were sterile or impotent at the time of conception;
ii. That you did not have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception period; or
iii. That another man did have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception time period.
e. If you fail to appear at any stage of the proceeding, including a scheduled genetic test, the Court may find you in contempt.
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SUMMONS
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Theresa Hindsley, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 16-18

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
Theresa Hindsley

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Jarred James Ness, Petitioner, v. Courtney Diane Melocarro, Respondent.
Case No.: CS 16-66

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PETITIONER: Jarred James Ness

You are hereby information that you have been named a petitioner in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).
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Women's Conference

Hope Through Christ Ministries

Thursday - Saturday Sept 1st – 3rd

What
Would
Jesus
Do ?!?

Thurs & Fri
7 pm

Saturday
10am – Noon*

WWJD

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Questions?
Contact: *Pastor Rachelle Fearson*
608-434-5539

*Following our 10am service on Saturday, a potluck lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level of the church.

Hope Through Christ Ministries Church





620 S Parkway Baraboo, WI 53913

Domestic Abuse Division offers services

Social Services advocates of the Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division want people to know their services are available to all, Native and Non-Native. Services available are:

- **Advocacy and/or referrals** for community resources, housing and court accompaniment.
- **Transportation** to a safe environment, for court hearings, appointments and other business.
- **Community education and awareness** provided about domestic violence and sexual assault with topics related to school, work and the community.
- **Supportive** listening for people who need help.
- **A Crisis Line** for emergencies 24/7, Ho Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division (877)-847-8689
- **Restraining order assistance** help to protect people who are being abused.
- **Sexual assault advocacy** for people who need medical and legal assistance.
- **Safety planning** to be prepared for any crisis that may present itself.

Ho Chunk Nation Social Services
Domestic Abuse Division
P.O. Box 40, 808 Red Iron Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615
Office: (715) 284-2622 Ext. 5135



Tribal Elderly Advisory Board Opening

There are two (2) vacancies on the Tribal Elderly Advisory Board.

Black River Falls TAU (1)

Tomah TAU (1)


If interested in serving on this board, please contact BRF and Tomah TAU for an application to be sent to you. Elections will be held on September 22, 2016 from 8am to 4:30 pm at the TAU office for BRF and Tomah.

You will need Tribal ID to vote. These are two separate elections.

John A. “Koz” Kozlowicz

John A. Kozlowicz (Koz) age 67, of Wisconsin Rapids died peacefully on August 5, 2016 after a hard fought 3 month battle with cancer.

Per his wishes there will be no visitation of funeral services held. Ritchay Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids is assisting the family.



“Koz” was born March 31, 1949 in Milwaukee, WI to Richard and Helen (Wysocki) Kozlowicz. Following his graduation from Milwaukee Boys Tech High School in 1967, he attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls with a degree in journalism.

It was while attending the University of Wisconsin - River Falls he met the “the love of his life”, Jeanne Andrews of St. Paul, MN. They married on April 4, 1970 and had 2 children Dan and Kate.

After moving to Wisconsin Rapids in 1980 “Koz” continued a 25 year career in the plastics industry. Prior to his retirement in 2011, Koz spent 12 years working for the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal News letter, in Black River Falls.

In addition to his wife Jeanne and children Dan (Renee Schultz), Kate (Dave) Reber, he is survived by his grandchildren Zack Birkner, TJ and Birk Kozlowicz, Elle and Drew Reber, and Renee’s children Maddi and Chayce Schultz. He is also survived by his sister Elaine (John Frodermann) Lukas, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Larry and Mary Duvick, sister-in-law Barb MacNeill, niece Corie (John) Strange, nephew Bill (Heidi Iversen) Duvick, Ben (Janice) Duvick and Charley (Sara) Grover, and all their children and his many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Todd Lukaszewski.

“Koz” was an avid follower of Wisconsin sports teams and enjoyed golfing with friends and traveling to different parts of the United States. His proudest accomplishment was helping Jeanne raise their children.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kirschling and the staff at UW-Cancer Center and the caring and compassionate nurses and staff at Strawberry Lane Rehabilitation Center.

In honor of Koz, please join us for a celebration of his life on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM at Tamarack’s Pub, 481 Ruby Ave., Wisconsin Rapids.

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- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries>

A community mural signifies the unity of people made real by Ahuchoga

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Little hands wave brushes back and forth as bright colors dance across the canvases. The busy hands, along with smiling faces, paint a story of how the newer generation invests in the hopes and dreams of the past.

The scene was made possible from the children of the Nekoosa Youth and Learning Center, who traveled to Reedsburg on Wednesday, August 17, and painted the imagery on plywood panel murals to be displayed on a former hardware store building in the city as a reminder of the legacy of Chief Ahuchoga.

The project is a combined effort of the Little Eagles Arts Foundation and Reedsburg Artslink. To help with the mural, Wesley May, nationally-recognized native artist, of Red Lake, Minn., is providing his skills and to provide guidance to the volunteer painters.

Also helping was Chris

Sweet, a Ho-Chunk artist who was invited by Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, LEAF director. He mainly works on paintings of a smaller size, using acrylics, so the mural was a new experience for him, he said.

Children from the Tomah Youth and Learning Center came to do the same the following day, on Thursday, August 18. Community members are welcome to paint on the mural project as well.

“Chief Ahuchoga was a kind, gentle man who brought the people, both Ho-Chunk and the people of the community, together,” Tallmadge Sainz said. “When soldiers came to this area to remove the Ho-Chunk people from the land, the people of the community stood up to the soldiers out of respect for Chief Ahuchoga and the people. They stopped the soldiers from taking the Ho-Chunk people away.”

This Reedsburg incident may have helped put an end



Melanie Tallmadge Sainz displays the artist rendering of the “Blue Wing” mural design to symbolize Chief Ahuchoga, the leader of the Ho-Chunk people in the late 1800s.



Children from the Nekoosa and Tomah Youth and Learning Centers help with the murals, along with assistance from Ho-Chunk artist Chris Sweet.

to the federal government’s inhumane policy of Native American relocation, she said.

Chief Ahuchoga, also known as “Blue Wing,” is buried near Tomah and has a Ho-Chunk community there that is named after him. In 1974, the cemetery was dedicated in his name.

“Ahichoga: Blue Wing’s Legacy” is a documentary produced by Lance Tallmadge, a direct descendant of Ahuchoga, in which he retells the story of forced removal of all Native Americans from southern Wisconsin in 1873. That documentary was shown August 16 at the Reedsburg Public Library.



Wesley May, a professional native artist, offers his guidance to the children in delivering the correct colors with just the right brush strokes.

The Dane County Fair brings attention to HCG-Madison

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Some like drawing attention to themselves. HCG-Madison proves to be among them. So from July 20 to July 24, the casino sponsored the 2016 Dane County Fair at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. By sponsoring the event, the Marketing Department hopes to strengthen its relationship with the local community.

“We look at the Dane County Fair as not only a great way to help a great local event but to connect with our guests on a more personal level,” said a departmental representative who chose to remain anonymous. “We will often bring some sort of ‘fun’ game to the events which helps us connect with our guests on a personal level outside of the actual casino.”

This year was not the first time that HCG-Madison backed the county fair. The casino has now sponsored the event for several years.

“We were actually approached by a local radio station several years ago to help sponsor the event and it’s been something that we’ve loved doing ever since,” the Marketing rep said.

The fair provided a great opportunity for HCG-Madison to market itself. In multiple places, one could find large banners promoting the casino. The Marketing Department also manned a trade-show booth where visitors could have fun and win prizes that advertise HCG-Madison.

“The art of advertising is that it happens whether we realize it or not,” said the anonymous representative. “We use this event as a way to be out in the public with our logo and brand all while being able to communicate with our current and potential guests.”

The Madison-area casino even sponsored a music stage at the fair. There, listeners could hear great music throughout the event.

“Naming rights to the

stage is something that we’ve been doing for several years and continue to do based on several factors,” the departmental representative said. “With our stage sponsorship we receive great exposure on several radio stations and radio station websites leading up to the actual event.”

Like every year, the Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Music Stage and the Dane County Fair drew a significant crowd. Thanks to the efforts of Marketing, many in the crowd then visited the local casino. Their presence proved highly important for the business. After all, HCG-Madison needs the attention.

Representatives of HCG-Madison man a trade show booth at the Dane County Fair. Visitors to the booth can play for prizes that advertise HCG-Madison.

